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Scientists to Tackle Flying Saucers

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NEW YORK — In obvious response to public disquiet regarding recent "flying saucer" episodes, the air force is organizing a new approach to the problem.

It is seeking to contract with a leading university to undertake a program of intensive investigations of a certain number of such episodes.

The identity of the university will not be made public until the arrangement is final, but air force sources said it is an institution of sufficient stature to guarantee in the public mind that its inquiry will be impartial.

The investigation teams are to include at least one physical scientist, such as an astronomer or someone familiar with atmospheric physics. Significantly there will also be a psychologist, preferably one with clinical experience.

This marks a departure from past air force policy. It has not taken very seriously the thousands of reports of "unidentified flying objects," or UFO's that have come in during the past two decades.

The investigations have been termed "Project Blue Book" because the results are reported in such books,

mainder were classed as unidentifiable for lack of adequate information.

The current projects for probing more deeply into UFO reports did not grow from any suspicion on the part of the air force or higher authority that "flying saucers" might really represent visitations from other worlds. It grew from a request last year by Maj. Gen. E. B. LeBailly, the air force director of information.

He was obviously aware of the widespread charges by UFO enthusiasts that the air force was concealing the truth about these episodes lest there be general panic.

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GEMINI SIGHTINGS "EXPLAINED"

The July-August IIR reported radar sightings by the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) of 10 unidentified flying objects moving with the ADTA vehicle. After studying photographs of the radar scope, Gemini Flight Director Christopher C. Kraft stated, "Your guess may be as good as ours as to what those objects are!"

On June 4, 1966 IIUFO interviewed News Manager Howard Gibbons who stated that the photographs had not been released but he believed they would be.

A communication received from NASA early in August stated, "Regarding the requests for pictures and information contained in your letter of July 18, I am sorry that I am unable to supply you with pictures of the objects observed on radar in Gemini 9 or by the astronauts in Gemini 10. To my knowledge, NASA does not have photographs of the objects!"

A report of NASA's investigation of the sightings states, "In Gemini 9A the objects observed on radar by NORAD were identified as pieces of the Atlas vehicle which launched the Agena target vehicle and accompanied the Agena into orbit!" The report continues, "If radar scope prints were made during Gemini 9A, they have not been made available by NORAD for release by NASA."

Several weeks after the Gemini 9 flight, the crew were guest speakers at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Oklahoma City at which IIUFO Director Hayden Hewes was present. In an interview afterward, Mr. Hewes asked the question, "What is your opinion of the 10 unidentified objects which were sighted during the flight?" The astronauts would not give their opinions but replied, "They have been identified as fragments!"

Gemini 10 - Two UFOs

The space flight of Gemini 10 did not help to explain the Gemini 9 sightings but rather added to the mystery. While the Gemini 10 astronauts were breaking space records they also set a record for space silence. Even at rendezvous with the Agena target vehicle, spacecraft communicator Gordon Cooper had to nudge the astronauts into reporting that they had accomplished the feat. However, Command Pilot John W. Young broke silence when he sighted two fellow space travelers. During the first pass over the United States Young reported, "We have two bright objects up here in our orbital path. I don't think they are stars - they look like we are going right along with them!"

A few seconds later Mission Control at the Manned Space Center asked for a bearing on the objects. "Where are the objects from you? If you can get up a bearing maybe we can track them down!" Commander Young replied, "They just disappeared. I guess they were satellites of some kind!"

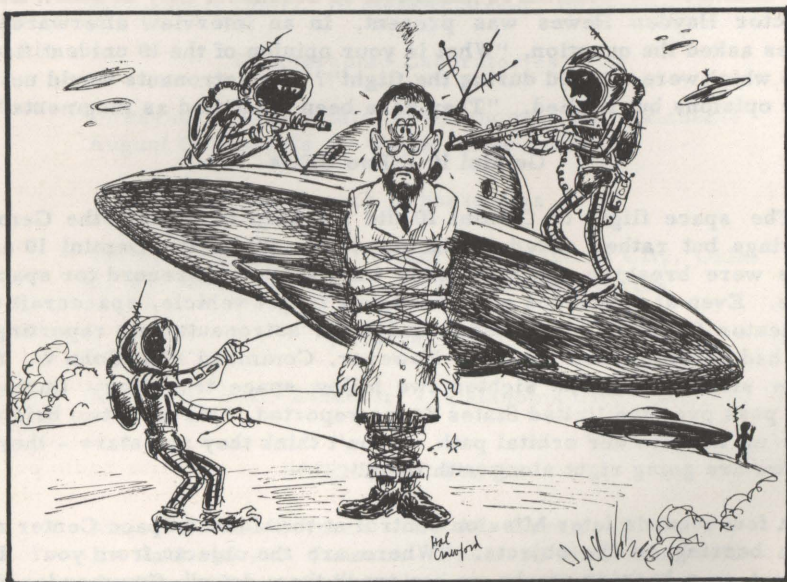
The sighting was made shortly after 8 p.m. The taped conversation between the spacecraft and the control center was played back for newsmen at 8:15 p.m.

On Tuesday July 19, 1966 a special dispatch from Houston appeared in the New York Times. It read, "The Department of Defense which monitors objects orbiting the earth, was unable early today to identify two "satellites" that the crew of Gemini 10 saw on its first revolution of the earth...." Four hours later a spokesman for DD said, "No identification has been made as yet!"

It is interesting to note that in the second run of the edition this item was deleted. Why were the presses shut down during the run to rearrange page 26? (Credit HIOUFO member Harry Hoffman, New York City).

The two UFOs observed during the Gemini 10 flight were visible in the night-shadow of the earth, giving rise to the nickname "Flight of the Night People!" When the NASA release on the sightings finally came out, it read, "In Gemini 10, the objects observed by astronaut Young were fragments of the up-rated Saturn I vehicle second stage launched into orbit from Cape Kennedy July 5!"

Please, gentlemen! Wouldn't it have been much simpler to say that they were swamp gas, or to tell the truth and admit that you don't know what they were? It will be embarrassing to have to explain to the Armed Services Committee why Saturn fragments were glowing and visible in the dark.



SWAMP GAS, HUH? ?

A WEEK TO REMEMBER

For the past nine years Mr. August C. Roberts of Wayne, New Jersey has served as Director of Photographic Research for HIOUFO. A pioneer in the field for more than 20 years, Mr. Roberts has accumulated one of the world's finest collections of UFO photographs. In 1952 he observed and photographed a UFO from a "skywatch" tower - the full story of which appeared in the August 1957 issue of Flying Saucers. His investigations into the Wanaque, New Jersey sightings will be published soon.

When this organization was founded in 1957, Mr. Roberts was the first internationally known UFO authority to lend us his support. Since that time "Augie" has been one of HIOUFO's most faithful investigators; however, we had never met him in person until Saturday July 23, when he arrived at Will Rogers World Airport, full of vigor and enthusiasm, for a week of activities that Oklahoma City, and particularly this headquarters, will long remember.

The way had been prepared for him when, three days before, the Oklahoma Journal published an article by Hayden Hewes covering the Air Force evaluation of the Tulsa photograph. With a circulation of 157,000, the Journal story brought in a flood of letters during the week.

On Sunday morning, July 24, Oklahoma awoke to an article by Hayden Hewes in Orbit, the magazine section of the Sunday Oklahoman, entitled, "The Night the Flying Saucers Came!" The article told of investigations into sightings over Oklahoma last August. Orbit's circulation of 285,000 started another flood of letters, some from as far away as Michigan. That same afternoon, Mr. Roberts appeared at Radio Station KOCY where Mr. Tom Gilmore taped a 30-minute interview for "Monitor" covering Augie's investigations during the last 20 years. (See photo 1). That evening the Board of Directors was treated to a personal showing of some 400 UFO slides and rare photographs, with an explanation of techniques by which faked photographs are produced and used to deceive the gullible.

On Monday morning Mr. Roberts made his first television appearance in Oklahoma City on the Ida B. Show, ABC Station KOCO-TV. (See photo 2). Three hours later he was a guest on the Tom Paxton Show, NBC Station WKY-TV (a color telecast) which was announced in TV Guide. (See photos 3 and 4). At eight in the evening he was featured on a live radio program with a discussion of UFOs on KIOO-FM. The program was conducted by Mr. Jack Porte, well known columnist and news analyst. (See photo 5).

After a day of rest Mr. Roberts was interviewed on the Gaylon Stacy Show, CBS Station KWTV on Wednesday July 27. Many of his best slides were used in the telecast, and brought a lively response from a large audience. At the conclusion of the program Augie was interviewed by newsman Jack Taylor, for an article which appeared in the Oklahoma City Times the following day. That night the second live radio program was carried by WKY on the Jim Bolmon Show. The response was phenomenal.

Jim Bolmon has a fantastic following. Our readers will remember that last August, after Hayden Hewes had appeared on the show, a crowd of 2000 people gathered on the lawn in front of the radio station to hear more about the strange objects which were being seen almost nightly in the Oklahoma sky.

A luncheon-lecture to Cosmopolitan International on Thursday brought out a record number of members. Following the lecture Mr. Roberts was interviewed by newsman Bill Steward, for an article which appeared in the Oklahoma Journal on Friday.

Thursday evening an after-dinner speech was delivered to the Key Club. This was followed by an appearance on the Oklahoma Tonight Show with Jack Besley, Station KLPR-TV.

Normally the studio audience during this show is about 40 people. This evening more than 250 crowded into the viewing room. During the 45-minute interview in which several slides were telecast, the audience was so quiet that you could have heard a "saucer" land. (See photo 10).

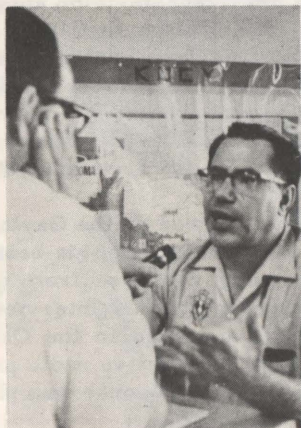
On Friday night the first of two public lectures was presented to a standing-room-only crowd. Several people had to be turned away and missed seeing the 160 slides that were shown. Many who were present had seen the Oklahoma Tonight Show, but came to see the slides again. (See photos 12, 13 and 14).

Saturday morning started off with an interview at Headquarters with HIOUFO Special Research Investigator, Captain Bob E. Lofin, author of an about-to-be-published book on UFOs for which Mr. Roberts supplied nearly all of the photographs. The book should be in the stores by late January. Watch IIR for notice of advance sales.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Roberts was interviewed by Mayor George Shirk of Oklahoma City. (See photo 11). In the evening he presented his second lecture to the public. Additional space was provided and, this time the entire audience was seated.

Sunday morning Mr. Roberts made his last appearance in Oklahoma City as guest speaker on the Al Gaylord Show, Radio Station KOMA. The 90-minute call-in program tied up the telephone lines and brought a deluge of letters the following day. (See photo 16).

Thank you, Augie, for your high contribution to a great cause. As we say in Oklahoma, "You done good!"



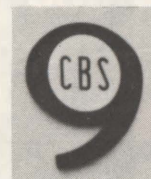
Tom Gilmore Tapeing NBC Tape



Ida "B" Show, KOCO-TV



Tom Paxton Show, WKY-TV



Tom Paxton Show, WKY-TV



KIOO-FM Radio Program



Gaylon Stacy Show, KWTV



Lecture, Cosmopolitan International



Lecture, John Marshall Key Club



News Interview - KWTW



August C. Roberts on Oklahoma Tonight

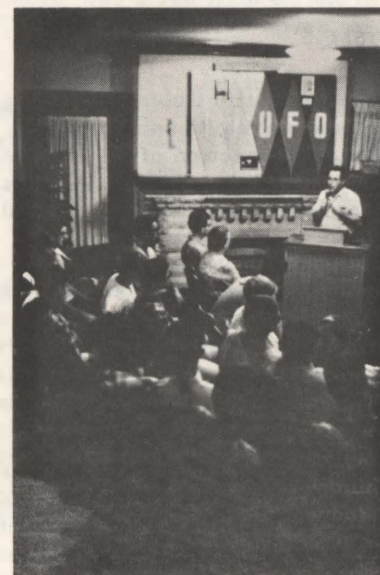


Part of 250 People in Studio Audience Oklahoma Tonight Telecast, KLPR-TV
Hayden Hewes at Lecture



Interested Listeners

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Friday Night Lecture



Mayor George Shirk, Oklahoma City, and Augie



Saturday Night Lecture



Al Gaylord Program - KOMA Radio

EAST COAST HEADQUARTERS

The East Coast Headquarters of IIOUFO, under direction of Mrs. Joan Whritenour and Mrs. Jean Chapman, is located at 6464 N. 34th Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida. Since April, 1966 this Headquarters has published a monthly bulletin entitled Saucer Scoop, which reports UFO sightings. The subscription price is \$3.00 a year. If you would like to see this publication send 25 cents to the above address for a sample copy.

Under Mrs. Whritenour's leadership, operations along the Atlantic Coast and in the Gulf area are being extended and consolidated to provide for more effective collection and reporting of data.

In addition to her other duties as wife, mother, UFO investigator and editor of the "Scoop", Joan serves as East Coast Editor of the Interplanetary Intelligence Report. Beginning in the Next issue, IIR will run a special section covering sightings in that sector, together with a report of investigations conducted by our members in the Eastern States. This, along with reports from foreign offices, will open up new areas of interest for our readers.

IIOUFO has obtained photographs of the recent sightings at Fort Smith, Arkansas, which were confirmed by 1500 people. The full story will appear in the next issue.

Mrs. Whritenour announces the establishment of an official East Coast laboratory at Cove Springs, Florida with Mr. Roy Davis as Director of Research.

Recent Sightings in the Eastern Sector

SANDUSKY, OHIO - Week of August 1, 1966.

The Sheriff's Department reported that three unidentified objects flashing red and green lights hovered over the Sandusky area Wednesday night. The objects were seen near the Soldiers Home, intersection of US 250 and Ohio 13, deputies said. These same objects also were observed by Perkins Township police who reported that they hovered over the area for about 40 minutes and then took off like a jet.

COMMENT: One would wish that two or three reputable scientists from the area had been called out to observe these objects during the 40 minutes that they were visible. Also, since there was plenty of time, why didn't someone take some photographs?

NILES, OHIO - Week of August 1, 1966

Several Niles residents reported having seen what they described as "flying saucers" in the eastern sky about 5 a.m. One Niles woman said she viewed the objects for nearly an hour before they disappeared about daylight. Mrs. Martin Brutz, 462 Bonnie Brae, reported sighting at least seven and possibly eight of the objects, some of them brilliantly lighted. She called it a "magnificent and amazing spectacle". "I had never seen a UFO although I have watched many times," she reported to the Tribune and

to police. Using binoculars, Mrs. Brutz said, the objects appeared quite clear in the sky, especially the ones which showed brilliant blinking lights. She said two of the objects were bright, silvery and quite large. The third in a formation of three was considerably smaller and had flashing lights of blue, red and orange, she said. A neighbor of Mrs. Brutz, Mrs. J. Mattee, also reported seeing the spectacle.

FROM ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, August 4, 1966

Three Pinellas Point residents last night reported seeing a light they couldn't identify, whizzing across the sky.

Another report of an unidentified flying object sighted Tuesday night is being investigated by St. Petersburg, police. Last night Greg Staff, of 201 60th Ave. So. said he saw a bright light travel from west to east across the northern quadrant of the sky about 10 PM. "It was bright for a few minutes, then I lost it," Staff said.

Two other persons said there was a bright light traveling in the same direction at 8:05 PM and at 10:00 PM. They described it as a saucer-shaped white light with dark spots and a tail. "I've seen a lot of meteors," said the man who reported seeing the object, but this wasn't like any I've ever seen."

Mrs. Ruth G. Jung Lannus, 941 1/2 15th Ave. So. told Patrolman Carl Hapner she heard a noise about 11:00 PM Tuesday, then observed an object high in the sky, almost overhead. She and her husband told police the object "Looked like two ice cream cones placed together, big end to big end. There was a red light on one of the points and a white light on the other." They said it was still hovering overhead about 12:45 AM.

COMMENT: Again, we are wondering why Mrs. Lannus failed to notify police during the hour and 45 minutes that the object was in view. Also, she should have called the newspapers and asked that photographs of the object be made. Reports of this type are easily discredited by the Air Force. Non-corroborated reports have very little research value.

The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, dateline July 22, 1966, reported a UFO over Rochester on the night of the 20th. More than 60 persons called the newspaper to report that they had seen it.

The following day, hundreds of people claimed to have seen the object spinning over Aquinas Stadium or hovering over the E. I. duPont de Nemours plant. Among those who saw the object was Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Robertella, who reported to his superiors that the object moved east over Aquinas Stadium at 8:40 p.m. The report stated, "The object looked to be approximately four feet in length and two feet in diameter, grayish-silver in color and appeared to look like a large pipe. . .".

On July 21 a spokesman for the Secretary of the Air Force stated that no report of the sighting had been received at the Pentagon. (Credit IIOUFO Member Florence Passamonte, New York).

A NEW CONCEPT OF UFO RESEARCH

Part 2

By

Major Charles W. Dutreau
Army of the United States - Retired

No human on this earth can define objectively the force of gravitation. We measure it; we write equations about it; we study its laws in school, we use it every time we weigh a pound of potatoes - but we just don't know what it is. If we don't understand gravitation, how much less can we understand UFOs which we cannot get hold of to measure or study.

If my compatriot, Will Rogers, were alive today, one of his syndicated columns would begin, "All I know about UFOs is what I read in the papers." In fact, this is all any of us know except those who have seen them, and they can't prove that they are telling the truth. Will Rogers knew that everything that appears in the papers is "hearsay," and hearsay is not admissible as evidence in court or as valid data in research, whether that hearsay comes from the Air Force or from a cotton picker in Alabama.

Thousands of manhours are spent in UFO investigation and millions of words have been written - all of which are hearsay. Investigation has turned up some convincing photographs and depressions have been found in the ground where landings were reported. Radar contact with UFOs has been confirmed and later denied. Aircraft have disintegrated or disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Hundreds of assorted characters claim that they have traveled to other worlds in various types of celestial craft - but all this is hearsay. One cannot prove that a photograph has not been faked. Holes in the ground and uncorroborated sightings are not very convincing. Not one item of solid, material UFO evidence has ever been submitted.

This leaves UFO investigations dangling on the integrity, sanity and visual acumen of the observer and the accuracy of his story. In turn, the public is left dangling on the integrity of the investigator and the accuracy of his reports. The "true believer" accepts vague rumors of UFO sightings as God's Truth, while the "disbeliever" denounces valid sightings by responsible people as frauds, fakes, illusions, swamp gas or the Planet Venus.

The "disbelievers" have a point. Many strange objects sighted in the skies and reported by honest, sincere observers, actually may be weather balloons, satellites, stars, birds or aircraft visually distorted by atmospheric conditions. Many sightings are mirages, reflections of neon signs from dense layers of air, and some are pure hoaxes such as flashlights dangling from kites at night. HIOUFO Headquarters frequently receives items which have fallen from UFOs, all of which are common terrestrial materials. A case in point was a sample of "Angel Hair" which was discharged from a flying saucer but which, on analysis, turned out to be a wisp of white nylon yarn.

We are constantly harrassed by demented persons who have "positive proof" that they have taken trips in UFOs or been in contact with UFO pilots. Some offer their information for a price, but others give it free of charge. One pitiful creature traveled over 1000 miles at his own expense to bring us a personal message from Jesus Christ. The message: - Jesus

is preparing to return to Earth and plans to set up His world headquarters in Oklahoma City. He will arrive in a huge flying saucer. UFOs sighted over Oklahoma City a short time before were His angels in celestial scout cars looking for a landing place.

Project Blue Book probably receives a hundred such reports for every one that we receive, so let us extend our sympathy to the people who run that much-maligned operation. I can understand why they look with jaundiced eyes at every report that comes in. After all, they are Air Force officers and not scientists. They are guided by a book of regulations, not by professional ethics.

Project Blue Book was established to conduct unclassified UFO investigations and to give unclassified information to the public. It is likely that the Officer in Charge is telling us everything he knows. The SECRET and TOP SECRET files probably are kept elsewhere. It is not for us to inquire into them.

Under present operating regulations, the Air Force is not authorized to investigate cases not officially reported through channels. Therefore, the assumption is that any sighting reported to HIOUFO, UAPRO, NICAP or the Press, didn't happen. After a sound trouncing by Chairman Rivers of the House Armed Services Committee, the Air Force announced that arrangements would be made for one or more universities to investigate UFO reports on a contract basis, but there was no indication that the universities would do research. A recent press release states that the Air Force is contacting educational institutions in search of one that meets its criteria. The regulations would specify, of course, that any classified information developed by the university would be kept from the public. Information could be classified on the spot by any CIA agent. Reports of investigations probably would be released only by the Air Force; not by the university - so we are right back where we started.

It is the duty of the Armed Services and of the Government to withhold information, the release of which would adversely affect the national security. There is equal incumbency to release in the public interest, vital information which has been secured at the taxpayers' expense, when such release does not affect national security.

Further prodding from the Committee will be required to get a bonafide research program under way. Feel free to write to Chairman Mendell Rivers, House Armed Services Committee, and to your Senator and Congressman about this matter. They will be glad to have your views.

We may have to wait several years for Congress to act. In the meantime we can train ourselves to conduct careful investigations of unusual phenomena and to make accurate reports of pertinent data. Thus, we shall help to prepare the way for those scientists who, in the future, may find the courage to use the brains that God gave them. In the next issue we shall discuss the training required and techniques to be used in investigations. Meanwhile, keep your binoculars handy and your camera loaded.

The American people are looking more and more to HIOUFO for the answer to the "question of the ages!" They have a right to expect integrity in our members and accuracy in our reports. It is for us to expose our own fakes and frauds and concentrate on genuine phenomena, leaving the Air Force free to support the war in Viet Nam. Let us do our job well, with dignity and enthusiasm - and again, may God bless us, every one, in our search!

SIGHTINGS - 1966

In August, 1965 a wave of UFOs appeared over a 9-state area in the central United States. In March, 1966 there was a recurrence of sightings over Washington, D.C. and the central states. Later, on July 25, 1966, hundreds of people along the East Coast reported stationary lights in the night sky. The U. S. Coast Guard Station at Charleston, South Carolina, the Federal Aviation Agency and the Charleston Air Force Base reported that they had received more than 250 calls "about flying saucers" between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m.

A Coast Guard spokesman said that radio reports of similar sightings had been received from most of the East Coast and as far west as the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Soon afterward, UFO reports flooded police department switchboards in Washington, D.C. suburbs in Maryland and Virginia. Strange objects were observed in the skies over Washington, around Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties and over Alexandria, Virginia. State, County and local police officers saw the objects.

The Federal Aviation Agency and airports in the area reported no objects on their radar screens. FAA stated that the only reports they received came from police. One policeman stated, "Don't try to tell me it was swamp gas I saw last night."

A group of Prince Georges County police and Maryland State patrolmen said they stood near a highway near Beltsville, Maryland and watched six or eight objects hovering in the direction of Baltimore. "We thought we were cracking up," said one of the officers. He said the objects had no definite shape but changed colors "from blue to green to red, then back to blue." Officers in a patrol car in Maryland reported having watched two of the objects "playing tag, or dog-fighting in the sky." State police at College Park, Maryland logged seven sightings in a two-county area. A patrolman who viewed one of the objects through binoculars said, "It put goose bumps down my arms."

Descriptions of these objects were almost identical to those sighted over Oklahoma last August, one of which was photographed by Alan Smith of Tulsa.

Betty Jean Klem, 16, of Jamestown, New York and Douglas Tibbets, 18, of Greenhurst, said they saw a metallic, silvery object which landed near their car on Beach No. 6, Presque Isle State Park - a peninsula jutting into Lake Erie. Police said they found two triangular impressions in the sand, about six inches deep. Police closed off the beach area.

NOTE: We need your zip code for future mailings. Sorry for the late mailing. The next issue will go out the second week of November. It will contain unpublished photographs and reports of recent sightings.

August, 1966 UFO Flap in Washington State

by Gary R. Lesley, Director UAPRO

After a thorough rinsing by dozens of UFO's in the state all through March and April this year, we were not ready for, or expecting, another flap so soon. Actually reports of strange aerial objects seemed to pick up around the state in late May, but June and most of July were fairly normal. A sighting was made by two off-duty state troopers of two unidentified round lights near Ellensburg on May 21st. Two other reports came from the Auburn area a week later. We were sure that the objects were going to make another sweep over the land sometime in June, but it was not until July 31st that the new flap was to start. This flap was entirely unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Argue of Seattle and their family reported to UAPRO that they observed two bright round objects slowly moving southeast. The same or similar objects were seen early the next morning by Mrs. Argue, who said they disappeared about fifteen minutes later after one of the objects broke away and took off at a high rate of speed. The other object gradually faded out of sight, moving very slowly southeast.

On August 8th, very early in the morning, a NICAP (Seattle organization, not Washington, D.C.) member sighted two unusual objects hovering in the pre-dawn sky. The member phoned Mr. Robert Gribble, President of NICAP, who also spotted the same two objects.

The next morning the same NICAP member and a neighbor watched the same or similar objects hovering.

Two sightings that we know of occurred in Oregon on the nights of August 9th and 10th.

The night of the 19th brought another sighting by the Argue family of 5 pulsating red lights, that, when viewed through binoculars, appeared to be oval and ringed with five red pulsating lights. Another object was described as looking like a top... also ringed with red lights.

The next night UAPRO Photography Director, Miles Hagestad, and two other persons, saw and photographed a bright white light that would "suddenly stop and then suddenly go again." The light hovered for one or two minutes, then sped away. When viewed through binoculars it was saucer-shaped. This strange object, which was sighted over UAPRO headquarters, may have been captured on film. The film will be developed very soon.

All pertinent details of the sightings in Washington State are on file at UAPRO headquarters. Interested persons may write to: U.A.P.R.O., International Headquarters, 717 "A" St. N.E., Auburn, Wash. 98002 U.S.A.



Comments by Air Force Consultant, J. A. Hynek on Keyhoe's Article
January 1966 Issue of "True Magazine."

Comments on this article can be divided into three principle sections:

- (A) The UFO sightings quoted by Keyhoe as evidence for unusual maneuvers.
- (B) Reference to government projects on antigravity.
- (C) Lack of knowledge of physics exhibited by Keyhoe.

(A) This office is handicapped in commenting on the eleven cases mentioned by Keyhoe as evidence for the existence of craft whose maneuverability cannot be attained by known propulsion systems. Only two of these cases have been reported to the Air Force. Under the present operating regulations, this office is not authorized to investigate cases not officially reported through channels. If the UFO phenomenon is to be treated as a scientific problem then all data should be considered. It has often been the recommendation of this consultant that the operating policies be altered to allow the investigation of UFO sightings reported through the Press, popular magazines and by private citizens who report sightings to private organizations, such as NICAP (which organizations sometimes, have been given to understand, actively suggest that reports be made to them rather than to the Air Force because of the alleged superficial and negative attitude of the Air Force toward such sightings) and many others in this and other countries. A scientist deprived of the majority of the data relative to a problem would obviously be seriously handicapped in treating that problem as a whole.

Here, in a national magazine of considerable circulation, Keyhoe gives as evidence eleven cases, of which nine are not in the Air Force files! None the less, we will take them in turn, as presented by Keyhoe.

1. February 15, 1965

Sighting made by the crew of the Flying Tiger aircraft on route US to Japan. Passengers reportedly included a military group including an Air Force captain. Said captain, according to Keyhoe, confirmed the sighting and submitted a signed report to Keyhoe. We have no report on file in this office either of the Flying Tiger incident or of the report allegedly made by the Air Force captain. When this report originally and unofficially came to the attention of this office through the medium of an article in a NICAP publication, it would have been prudent, if for files protection alone, had this office been authorized to make discreet inquiries of Flying Tiger officials as to the authenticity of the sighting now given great prominence by Keyhoe. At the present, we in this office simply do not know even whether the incident took place or, if it did, under what circumstances, and whether a logical normal explanation can be made of it.

2. December 21, 1964 Staunton, Virginia

This case was reported to the Air Force but the investigation did not include interrogation of the so-called Dupont scientists. However, his report on radioactivity is definitely not in accord with the Geiger counter readings made by Sgt. Moody nine days after the reported incident. It is clear that if the radioactivity was as high as reported nine days after the sighting, then on 11 January there should have been very definitely detectable radioactivity. After due investigation, the entire Staunton incident is regarded as unreliable and suspect.

3. December 26, 1954

Rome Air Force Base radar supposedly reported two large discs, pursued by A4d jets following which the discs "accelerated to terrific speed." Despite the report originating from an Air Force base, the matter was never officially reported to this office. We do not know whether any took place. We are again handicapped by not being able to categorically refute this bold statement by Keyhoe.

4. March 21, 1965

"Mysterious, elliptical, luminous object" reportedly chased a Toa Airline Convair in Japan. This obviously would not have been reported to the U. S. Air Force, and thus nothing can be said about the validity of this report.

5. July 1, 1954

Keyhoe states that when the pilot of an F-94 scrambling to chase a UFO near Walesville, New York, reportedly tried to close in, a sudden unbearable heat filled the cockpit. The officer bailed out and the jet crashed into the street, killing two children and their parents. This case is not carried in the Air Force UFO files. Information derived from newspaper accounts state that the F 94-C was sent up on a confidential air defense intercept

mission. The aircraft identified the intercepted plan and was returning to base when the accident occurred. The incident is probably carried in the aircraft accident records.

6. An undated "official Air Force intelligence report" reportedly states that "groups of small UFOs, flying 5,240 mph, were seen and tracked by the crew of a B-29. These small UFOs were "seen to merge with or go aboard a huge carrier which accelerated to more than 9,000 mph before it disappeared." This office has no record of this case. Here, obviously, the burden of proof in this, as in the other eight reported cases, rests with the author. It is doubtful that he would supply these as he reportedly has failed to co-operate with the Air Force in this respect.

7. This is a mere allusion to "a documented case at White Sands Proving Ground, where Navy scientists saw and tracked a UFO flying at 18,000 mph." Actually such an allusion to an undocumented case has no validity in establishing the existence of craft that defy gravity!

8. January 12, 1965

Keyhoe states that "flying disc 30 feet in diameter hurtled down" at an automobile driven by a Federal law enforcement official near Blane Air Force Station. The officer reportedly jumped out, saw the UFO hovering overhead and, after a minute, it reputedly shot up into the clouds at high speed. The officer was reported to have said that "they had tracked the UFO by radar as it raced down toward his car." The antecedent of "they" is apparently the Air Force, a large organization. He states that this officer was warned by his superiors not to let his name be used in connection with the sighting. What superiors?

9. January 27, 1965

Two NASA engineers reputedly sighted a UFO which touch landed near Hampton, Virginia. This is one of two cases in which Keyhoe uses names of witnesses (Major John Nadley and Mr. A. G. Crimmins) who are quoted as stating that a rapidly rotating disc appeared to be "zigzagging as it was searching for a landing spot." (Identified as Navy helicopter from Norfolk, Virginia.)

10. January 11, 1965 Washington D. C.

An Army Lt. Colonel and a group of Army communication specialists allegedly saw Air Force jets pursuing several flying objects over the city. Nothing more is said of this case, of which no record exists in Air Force files.

11. January 5, 1965 Wallops Island, Virginia

Dempsey Bruton, "chief of satellite tracking at NSAS's Wallops Island station," supposedly saw a strange round object flying toward the station at a terrific speed which shot straight up out of sight after passing over-

head. Bruton is quoted as saying that its speed was definitely "several thousand miles per hour, possibly 8,000 mph or even higher." (Bruton is not the Chief.)

These eleven cases, taken at face value, would imply that we were faced with craft capable of performance far beyond that of conventional craft. The burden of proof is, of course, on Keyhoe. Certainly the evidence as presented in the article would not hold a drop of water before a scientific tribunal.

(B) Keyhoe states that U. S. Government has set up 46 different research projects on aspects of control gravity. He is not specific. Any guidance system for missiles or spacecraft is a gravity control device. He does not state whether any of these projects have to do with circumventing or annihilating the effects of gravity. I, personally, do not know of any bonafide antigravity projects or any on the use of "gravity shields" a la H. G. Wells etc. It would have been enlightening had Keyhoe mentioned the title even of a few of the unclassified projects. To the best of my knowledge, Einstein's treatment of gravity is still the only cogent theoretical approach. Throughout the article, Keyhoe exhibits much loose thinking with physical principles. For instance he states that the Earth's gravity field is relatively weak compared with the pull of gravity between planets and the sun. In point of fact, the sun's gravity field in the neighborhood of the Earth is more than 100 times weaker than the Earth's gravity field.

He also states there is a connection between gravity and electromagnetic fields. To the very best of my knowledge there is no connection whatever. In fact, this would be cause for the granting of several Nobel prizes were someone to establish this!

(C) Finally, Keyhoe exhibits his ignorance of the laws of motion by implying that a craft which is propelled by an antigravity mechanism can make instant right angle turns which he says, correctly, are "impossible for any known aircraft." Unless Sir Isaac Newton is totally wrong, F is still equal to ma ($F=ma$) and making instant right angle turns is impossible for any aircraft, known or not if it has any appreciable mass. For, even in "gravity free" space a right angle turn implies virtual infinite acceleration, and thus an infinite force. An antigravity field, even if this were possible, does not imply excessive forces.

To Summarize:

Keyhoe's argument is based on the reality and validity of the eleven cases he cites as evidence. Since they are not documented in any acceptable sense they have no scientific validity. While it is true that it is not within the province of the Air Force to disprove claims made by Keyhoe and other groups, it appears that it would be wise, if the UFO phenomenon remains, in the bailiwick of the Air Force, to have a small selected number of incidents not reported to the Air Force be investigated to provide "files protection" for possible future contingencies. Such cases would be selected from those given prominence in the Press--those cases which it is surmised might be referred to frequently in the future by writers of the ilk of Keyhoe.



IIOUFO International
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During the month of June, 1966 our Foreign Office established the IIOUFO International Program in which a Resident Director is appointed in each country having a sizeable IIOUFO membership. The Resident Director brings all members in his country into a well disciplined, coordinated unit, directs research activities, provides for investigation of sightings, works with other UFO organizations and furnishes data and evaluated reports to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

In future issues of IIR, this column will report on activities of our foreign colleagues and furnish background information on affiliated groups throughout the world. In this issue we should like to introduce our members to one of the leading UFO research groups in Europe.

The Belgian-based group, Groupement pour l'Etude des Sciences d'Avant-Garde (GESAG) was established a little more than a year ago. In that time it has become one of the more respected UFO organizations on the Continent. The Director and co-founder of GESAG, M. Jacques Bonabot, also serves as Resident Director of IIOUFO in Belgium. M. Bonabot has been an important contributor to IIR and to many major UFO publications throughout the world. Under his direction GESAG has assembled a large force of competent investigators in many countries. In its operations there is no semblance of the dictatorship that one finds in many similar organizations in Europe and the United States. GESAG does not try to prove or disprove anything, does not seek publicity or mass membership, does not extort exorbitant fees from its members, and the leadership does not pretend to know what UFOs are, from whence they come, why they are here or what motive power is used to propel them. The sole purpose of GESAG is to explore the UFO mystery.

GESAG has organized the BENELUX Cooperation, a union of the more rational UFO organizations in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. These work together with military precision and have eliminated much of the fraud and confusion that have plagued UFO research in Europe.

IIOUFO is proud of its affiliation with GESAG. Through our joint efforts, perhaps the "mystery of the ages" may be solved.

Foreign Sightings

The following reports are typical of many received from foreign offices during the last month:

Date: January 19, 1966
Location: Bournemouth, Hants.
Source: IWUFOIS (Member of Benelux Cooperation)

A Mr. McFarlane was lying in bed when he saw what appeared to be two bright circles joined by a "pole" and a glowing red circle around the entire object. He called another occupant of the building and together they watched the "saucer" for about two hours. The object appeared and disappeared at intervals until the witness went to sleep.

COMMENT: This report would have been much more meaningful if the informant had given the following information: the time that the object appeared - its relative size - the location of the building from which it was observed - the name of the other occupant who viewed the object with him, etc., etc. Also, in the two hours that it was visible, the police should have been notified and the object photographed.

Date: December 29, 1965
Location: 48 miles north of London
Source: BIA/GESAG

A Mr. Farbrother was driving along Highway A5 enroute to London when, suddenly, a bright light caught his attention. He stopped and got out of his car to get a better view and saw an object "which seemed to be oval." As he watched the object descended. It had a bright reddish-orange color and a bright cone of white light seemed to come from underneath. The object was in view for about four minutes, then suddenly shot off in a southwesterly direction and faded from view.

Additional information on recent sightings in other countries may be obtained from the Foreign Office, IIOUFO.

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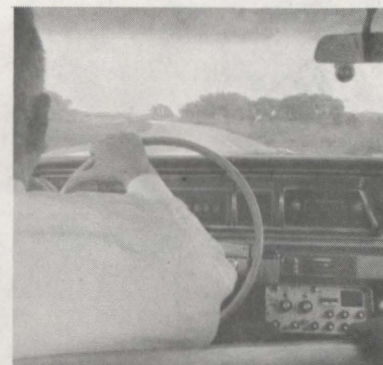
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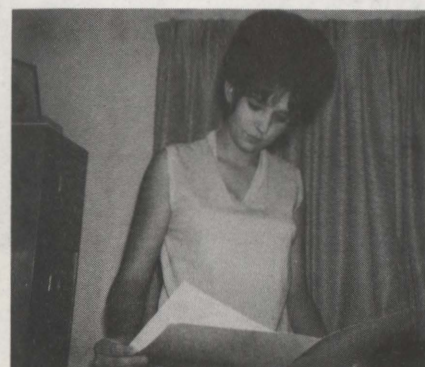
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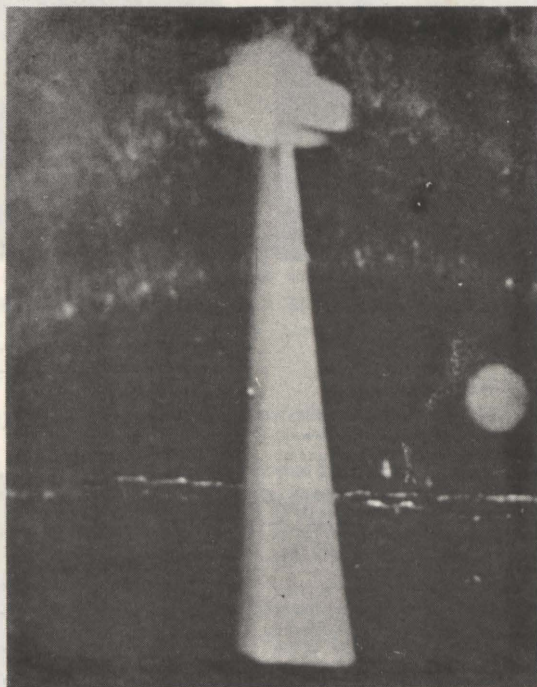
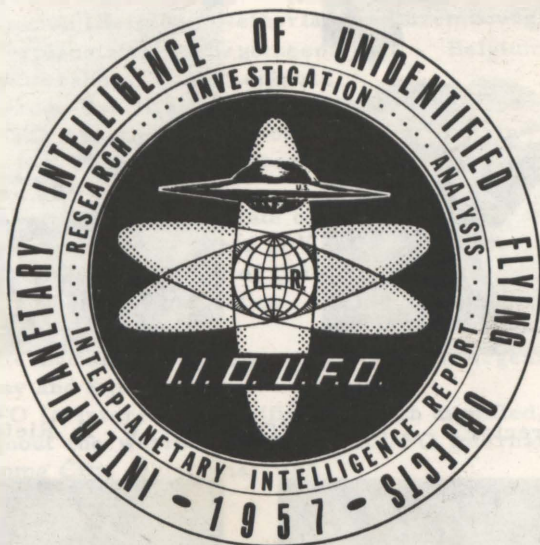
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